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NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

Fund for Mrs. J. M. Harlan.—Prominent members of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States have started a movement to raise \$40,000 for the relief of the widow and two daughters of the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. They have sent a letter to members of the bar asking for \$500 contributions. The signers of the letter are Joseph H. Choate, Lewis Cass Ledyard, Elbridge T. Young, William D. Guthrie, Victor Morawitz, Francis L. Stetson, John L. Cadwallader, William Nelson Cromwell, John G. Johnson, and Elihu Root.

Justice Harlan, after a long and distinguished career, died leaving his family wholly unprovided for. The letter states that the writers are informed the Harlan home in Washington has been mortgaged to its full value.

Virginia Bar Officers.—The State Bar Association has elected the following officers: Professor William Minor Lile, of the University of Virginia, president; Judge T. P. Griffin, Bedford City; R. R. Prentiss, Suffolk; John T. Harris, Harrisonburg; John W. Price, Bristol; A. W. Wallace, Fredericksburg, vice presidents. John B. Minor, of Richmond, was reelected secretary and treasurer.

Members of the executive committee chosen are John W. Fishburn, of Charlottesville, and Goodrich Hatton, of Portsmouth. Delegates to the American Bar Association, Eugene Massie, of Richmond, and John T. Hall, of Roanoke.

Hilton Jackson, of Washington, D. C., read a paper entitled, "Is Virginia entitled to compensation for the cession of the Northwest Territory to the national government?"